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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: GOL FOOD SITUATION EASES

REF: MASERU 139 (NOTAL)

1. EMERGENCY FOOD SITUATION WHICH WAS DECLARED BY GOL DUE TO HEAVY RAINS PREVENTING ROAD TRANSPORT FROM REACHING MOUNTAIN AREAS HAS ENDED ALTHOUGH GOL DISASTER RELIEF COMMITTEE HAS NOT MET TO ADVISE FORMAL ENDING OF DECLARATION.

2. AT HEIGHT OF EMERGENCY FEBRUARY 9-14, GOL REQUESTED AND RECEIVED USE OF LARGE SADF HELICOPTER (SUPER FRELON) FOR TWO DAYS. ON FEB 13 AND 14, HELO MOVED 52,000 POUNDS OF FOOD TO MOUNTAIN AREAS. LESOTHO AIRWAYS LIGHT AIRCRAFT MOVED 23,000 POUNDS DURING PERIOD FEB 9-13. ALL FOOD WAS COMMERCIAL EXCEPT FOR 1800 POUNDS DEHYDRATED FOOD DONATED BY CARE FOR USE IN PARTICULARLY REMOTE AREA. (CARE DIRECTOR PLAYED KEY ROLE IN CO-ORDINATING AIRLIFT.) FOOD WAS AIRLIFTED TO PRIVATE TRADERS WHO WILL BE CHARGED ONLY EQUIVALENT COST OF SURFACE TRANSPORT.

3. HEAVY RAINS HAVE SLACKED OFF, RIVERS ARE DOWN, ROADS ARE UNDER REPAIR, AND SURFACE SHIPMENTS OF FOOD HAVE RESUMED.
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AUTHORITY TO SHIP FOOD BY AIR REMAINS VALID BUT NOT BEING USED

AT THIS TIME.

4. NO AUTHORITATIVE ESTIMATE OF EXTENT OF DAMAGE TO CROPS YET
AVAILABLE.
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